



**Bulletin #2008-003     1 – February - 2008**

**Subject:**

Limitations on roof panel material

**Overview:**

Effective immediately, replace Article 10.2.B.5.a with the following:

Exterior panels, except for allowed flares, must be visually similar to the original components, including bumpers. Except for the roof and doors, bolt-on body pieces may be constructed of an alternate material. OE or FIA homologated aluminum roofs are allowed. Driver and co-driver doors must remain as originally manufactured with regards to door structure or, if the original structure has been removed or altered, either a door panel that is compliant with FIA drawing 255-14 must be installed or the safety cage must include a sill bar plus 2 continuous door bars containing four vertical studs. Homologated roll cages may not be modified. Interior door panels are required to provide protection from metal edges. This applies to front doors only on four door vehicles.

Roof mounted, commercially available cooling vents are allowed. Any significant deviations from road-going components available from the manufacturer of that vehicle must be approved in advance by Rally America.

**Rationale:**

Aftermarket bolt-on carbon fiber roofs are now available for some vehicles used in rally competition. These parts have not been verified to meet safety standards and there is a potential for significant safety risks should a competition vehicle with such a roof be involved in an accident on stage. Presumably, roofs offered by the vehicle manufacturer or homologated parts would meet safety standards, therefore they are allowed.

Questions regarding this bulletin received by Rally America from licensed Drivers and Co-Drivers will be answered in writing.